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CHAPTER III.

Three days later, just at sundown, the loungers at Sancho's were treated to a sensation. Up from the south, the old Tucson trail, came, dusty, travel stained and weary, half a troop of cavalry, escorting apparently some personage of distinction, for he was an object of the utmost care and attention on the part of the lieutenant commanding and every man in the detachment. As the *cavalcade* approached the dun colored walls of the corral and without a word or sign to the knot of curious spectators gathered at the barroom door filed away to the spot where wandering commands of horse were accustomed to bivouac for the night (tents would have been superfluous in that dry, dewless atmosphere) the women, whispering together behind their screened window place, stared the harder at sight of the leader. One was Lieutenant Blake—no mistaking him—the longest legged man in Arizona. Another was big Sergeant Feeney, a veteran who had seen better days and duties, but served his flag in the deserts of the Gila as sturdily as ever he fought along the Shenandoah three years before.

Between these two, dapper, slender, natty, with his hat set jauntily on one side and his mustache and imperial twirled to the proportions of toothpicks, rode a third cavalier whom every one recognized instantly as the fugitive of Camp Cooke, the urgently sought Captain Nevins, and, though Nevins' arms and legs were untrammeled by shackles of any kind, it was plain to see that he was a helpless prisoner. He had parted with his belt and revolver. His spurs were ravished from his heels, and his bridle rein, cut in two, was shared between Blake and his faithful sergeant.

Behind these three rode another set. Sandwiched between two troopers was a man whom Sancho's people well remembered as Nevins' clerk and assistant, despite the fact that a bushy beard now covered the face that was smooth shaved in the halcyon days of the supply camp. Then came some 30 horsemen in long, straggling column of twos, while straight from the flank to the gate of the corral, silent and even somber, rode the engineer, Lieutenant Loring. To him Sancho whipped off his silver laced sombrero and bowed, while two jaded looking vaqueros, after one long yet furtive stare, glanced quickly at each other and sidled away to the nearest aperture in the wall of the ranch, which happened to be the dining room door.

Loring mechanically touched his hat brim in recognition of the ranchkeeper's obeisance, but there was no liking in his eye. At the gate he slowly, somewhat stiffly, dismounted, for it was evident he had ridden long and far. The room with hanging head tripped eagerly yet wearily to his accustomed stall, and a swarthy Mexican unloosed at once the cinchs and removed the horsehair bridle. Thus Sancho and the engineer were left to themselves, though loquacious ranch folk sauntered to the gate way and peered after them into the corral. Over at the little clump of willows Blake's men were throwing their carbines across their shoulders and dismounting as they reached the old familiar spot, and Loring cast one look thither before he spoke.

"Who were the two men who followed me?" he calmly asked, and his eyes, though red rimmed and inflamed by the dust of the desert, looked straight into the dark face of the aggrieved Sancho.

"Surely I know not, senor teniente." He had dropped the "capitan" as too transparent flattery.

"Den's He, Sancho. There's ten more dollars," and Loring tossed an eagle into the ready palm. "That's $30, and I shall want that horse again in the morning."

"Tomerrow, senor! Why, he will not be fit to go."

But to this observation Mr. Loring made no reply. Straight from Sancho's side he walked down the corral, halted behind two rangy, hard looking steeds that showed still the effects of recent severe usage, and these he studied coolly and thoroughly a few minutes, while, peering from two narrow slits in the ranch wall between the windows, two sun tanned frontiersmen as closely studied him. With these latter peeping from the shaded window was "the wife of my brother," exchanging with them comments in low, guarded tones. In the adjoining room, a bedroom, a girl of perhaps 16, slender, graceful and dark eyed, peeped in the opposite direction over toward the willows where Blake's men were now unsaddling, whence presently, with giant strides, came Blake himself, stalking over the sand.

Sancho, despite his anxious scrutiny of Loring's silent movements, saw the coming officer and prepared his countenance for smiles. But, with a face set and forbidding, Blake went sternly by, taking no notice of the proprietor, and made directly for the little group now muttering at the dining room door. The loungers, some of whom had deserted the supper table for a sight of the captives and the cavalcade, sidled right and left, as though to avoid his eyes, for into each face, most of them bangdog visages, he gazed sharply, as though in search of some one, yet never faltered in his stride. Back from her barred window shrank the young girl as the tall soldier came within a dozen paces. To one side or another, smoke inhaling and striving to look unconcerned, edged the swarthy constituents of the group, and with never a word to one of them, straight through their midst and the doorway beyond, went Blake, catching the three peepers, "the wife of my brother" and the brace of palpable cutthroats at their loopholes. So unexpected was the move that it had not even occurred to one of the creatures at the door to mutter a word of warning. So engrossed were the three in their scrutiny that Blake's entrance was unheard.

True, he had discarded boots and spurs, and his feet were incased in soft Apache moccasins. The floor, too, was earthen, but he made no effort at stealth, and in the gloom and shadow of the low roofed room it was for a moment difficult to distinguish the human figures against the opposite wall. It was his ear that first gave warning, for low, yet distinct, he heard the words:

"If he'd taken any horse but that roan, or knew less about riding, we'd 'a' caught him 20 miles out, and he'd never 'a' caught Nevins. Faith that the whole dashed blue bellied outfit and be dash dash dashed to their quadruple dashed souls!" and the concentrated spite and hatred of the speaker hissed in every syllable.

"This is a repetition of what we could not do. What can we do? He's got the money, and plenty of it, cached somewhere about the old camp, and $500 of it's mine. That's what I want. I don't care a d—n what they do with him so long as they don't send him to prison, where we can't nail him. That's what that bloody court will do, though, and I know it."

"How d'you know," fiercely demanded the other, "unless you've been in the army, which you swear you haven't? Where'd you desert from? Come, own up now, Hand, turning for an instant from his pinochle, the speaker became suddenly aware of the silent form of Lieutenant Blake.

"None of your dashed business!" began the other, when a harsh "Shut up!" brought him around in amaze, and he, too, confronted the dark figure standing like a signpost between them and the violet light beyond the open doorway. Instinctively the hands of both men sought their pistol butts, but Blake made never a move. The woman, looking around for the cause of the sudden silence, caught sight of the statuesque intruder and, with a low cry, threw her shawl over her head and, bending almost double, with outstretched, groping hands, scurried to where the mistress made blanket hung at the doorway of the bedroom and darted through the aperture like a rabbit to its form, the folds of the heavy wool falling behind her.

And still the tall lieutenant neither spoke nor moved. His revolver hung at his right hip, his hunting knife slept in its sheath, but his hands sat jauntily on his thighs. The stern, set look of his clear cut face had given place to something like a grin of amusement. First at one, then at the other, of the two bewildered worthies he gazed, looking each deliberately from head to foot as they hovered there, both irresolute and disconcerted, one of them visibly trembling.

There was a doorway leading into the room in which was set the table for stage passengers of the better class, officers and the few ladies who had ventured to follow their lords into faraway Arizona, or the gente fine, which included amazons whose money could pay their way pretty much anywhere and was made pretty much anywhere. But that room was empty, and the one beyond it, the bar, had only one or two occupants, too far away to see what was going on.

There was a doorway and a swinging screen of dirty canvas just beyond the loophole lately occupied by "the wife of my brother," a doorway that gave on the corral, and to each of these each silent "cough" had given a quick, furtive glance, but not a step was taken. How long the strain of the situation might have lasted there is no saying. It was broken by the sudden lifting of that dirty canvas screen, as sudden and perceptible a start on the part of each of the confronted men and the quick entrance of the engineer. For another second or two no word was spoken. Loring's eyes were evidently unable at the instant to penetrate the gloom. Then he recognized Blake, then gradually the two men at the wall, and then at last Blake spoke.

"There are your followers, Loring."

A moment's careful scrutiny; then a nod of assent was Loring's answer.

"Now, then, you two," said Blake—"I've suspected you before. Now I mare than suspect you. You, the long villain, I warn never to come moping about our camp again, and you, the shorter, I'll trouble to come into camp forthwith. No, don't draw that pistol unless you want a dozen bullets through

Loring's fist had landed full on Higgins' jowl and sent him like a log to the floor.

you. Half a troop is right here at my back. Your soldier name was Higgins, and you're a deserter from Cram's battery, New Orleans."

For a moment there was a silence broken only by the hard breathing of the two cornered men; then came a flash, a sharp report, a piercing scream as the lithe Mexican girl sprang forth from behind the blanket and hurled herself on Blake, a pantherlike leap of the accused man under cover of the flash and smoke, a thwack like the sound of the bat when it meets a new baseball full in the middle, and Loring's fist had landed full on Higgins' jowl and sent him like a log to the floor.

CHAPTER IV.

The court martial that met at Camp Cooke in compliance with orders from division headquarters at Frisco had three weeks later practically finished the case of Brevet Captain Nevins, and that debonair person, who had appeared before it on the first day suave, laughing and almost insolently defiant, had wilted visibly as day after day the judge advocate unfolded the mass of evidence against him.

All that Nevins thought to be tried for was a charge of misappropriation of public funds and property, and it was his purpose to plead in bar of trial that he had offered to make complete restitution, to replace every missing item and doubly replace if need be every dollar. This indeed he had lost no time in doing the moment he was handed over to the post commander two days after the exciting episode at Sancho's, but his coupled with the offer a condition that all proceedings against him should be dropped, and the veteran major commanding, while expressing entire willingness to receipt for any funds the accused might offer, would promise nothing whatever in return.

That Nevins should be charged with desertion and breach of arrest the accused officer regarded as of small importance. He was merely going to Two Rivers as fast as he could to get from Insham associates, as he termed them, the money deposited with them and owed to him, and this must also excuse his having borrowed the major's best horse.

His friends in congress would square all that for him, even if the court should prove obdurate. That grave charges should have followed him from a former sphere of operations; that his record, while retained in the volunteer service until the spring of 1866 and assigned to some mysterious bureau functions in the south, should have been ventilated and made part and parcel of the charges; that it should be shown that he as a newly commissioned officer of the army had made the journey from New Orleans to the isthmus and thence to San Francisco with men whom he knew to be deserters from commands stationed in the Crescent City; that he should have gambled with them and associated with them and brought one of them all the way with him to Yuma and concealed from the military authorities his knowledge of their crime; that it should be proved that he was a professional "card sharp," expert manipulator and blackleg he never had contemplated as even possible, and yet, with calm and relentless deliberation, "that cold blooded, merciless martinet of a West Pointer," as he referred to the judge advocate at an early stage in the proceedings, had laid proof after proof before the court and left the case of the defense at the last without a leg to stand on.

And then Nevins dropped the debonair and donned the abject, for the one friend or adviser left to him in the crowded camp, an officer who said he always took the side of the under dog in a fight, had told him that in its present temper that court, with old Turnbull as one of its leaders, would surely sentence him to a term of years at Alcatraz, as well as to dismissal from the military service of the United States. Dismissal he expected, but cared little for that. He had money and valuables more than enough to begin life on anywhere, and the pickings of his accustomed trade were all too scant in Arizona. He needed a broader field and a crowding population for the proper exercise of his talents, and the uniform of the officer, after all, had not proved to be so potent in filling the suspicions of prospective victims as he had expected it might be.

But Alcatraz, a rock bound prison, a convict's garb, hard labor on soft diet—that was indeed appalling.

"That man Loring has made you out an inmate blackguard," Nevins. "You've got to plead for mercy," said his shrewd adviser, and Nevins saw the point and pleaded. He laid before the court letters from officers of rank speaking gratefully of his aid during the prevalence of yellow fever in the gulf states. He begged the court to wait until he could show them the affidavits of many statesmen and soldiers, whom it would take months to hear from by mail, and there was then no telegraph in Arizona. He begged for time, for pity, and the court was moved and wrote to Drum barracks for instructions and adjourned until the answer came, which it did by swift stages and special courier within a week. "Advices from Washington say that the congressional backers of the accused have declared themselves well rid of him and suggest the extreme penalty of the law." And this being the advice of Washington, it was simply human nature that the court should experience a revulsion of feeling and consider itself bound to see that the poor fellow was not made to suffer martyrdom.

Most of the members were men from the volunteers or from the ranks. West Pointers were the exception, not the rule, in the line of the army for years after the war. Most of the court had been the recipients of Nevins' exuberant hospitality at one time or other. He had objected to the few who had lost heavily to him at cards, and the objection had been sustained, and when the last day of the long session arrived and the sad eyed, pale faced, scrupulously groomed and dressed accused arose before the dignified array and the little line of curious spectators to make his last plea in silence, not unmixed with a certain sympathy, fell upon all hearers, as in low voice and faltering accents the friendless fellow began his story. Partly from manuscript, which he seemed to find hard reading, but mainly as an extemporaneous effort, his remarks were substantially as follows:

"I've come to make a clean breast of it, gentlemen. I'm not fit to wear your uniform. I never was. I never wanted to. It was practically forced upon me by men who ought to have known better, who did know better, but who did not care so long as they got me out of the way. My father as much as owned more than one congressman in York state. The Hon. Mr. Cadger of the military committee couldn't have been nominated if it hadn't been for him, and he didn't want me round home any more. He got me kept on bureau work long after all but a few volunteers were mustered out, and showed me down to New Orleans, where I'd often been steamboating before the war.

"I had the fever there when I was only 20. Perhaps he thought I could get it again and that would be the end of me. If there's a worse place for a young officer to start in than that infernal town was just after the war, it ain't on the map of those United States. I had the luck and the opportunities of the devil for nigh on to a year. I got more money and learned more ways of getting it than I knew how to use, and then I got married.

"A homeless woman, a woman with trains and good looks and education, married me for the position I could give her, I suppose. They told me afterward she did it out of spite or desperation; that she was a northern girl who had been employed as governess in an old southern family that was ruined by the war; that she had a younger sister in New York whom she was educating—a girl who had a magnificent voice and wanted to go on the stage—and all the money she could save went to her. She got employment when Ben Butler took command, for she knew all the southern families that had money and plate and jewels and those that had nothing but niggers.

"She fell in love, they told me afterward, with a swell colonel who came there on staff duty, for he cut a dash and made desperate love to her, until his wife got wind of it and came down there all of a sudden, just after the smash up of the Confederacy, and put a stop to his fun. That was in May, and I got there in July. We were married that winter, and I loaded her with the best I could buy and gave her all she could spend on her sister until she found out how my money was made there in cotton and cards. She thought—and I'd let her think so—that I had big property in the north. It was another woman gave her the tip, and then the trouble began. She swore we must give up the house we lived in, the horses and carriage and go to a cheap boarding house. She got the jewelers to take back the watch and all the trinkets I'd given her at their own valuation—about a quarter of what they cost me. She argued and pleaded and prayed and swore she'd confess the whole thing to General Sheridan, who came there right after the riots of 1866 and took command—and that would have sent me to the penitentiary.

"There were regular officers in the deals besides me, and they got wind of it and tried to bribe her, and she'd cry all night and mope all day and swear she'd leave me unless I cut loose from the whole business and restored what I'd made. By Godt I couldn't! I'd spent it! I was no worse than three or four others who had eyes open to their opportunities—two of 'em in the regular army now—bung up swells, and at last I couldn't stand it and got to drinking, and then I lost my cool nerve, and the money went with it, and it made me desperate—crazy, I reckon, for one night when I came home drunk and she made a scene, I suppose I must have struck her, and then she took sick and got delirious, and I was horribly afraid, and so were my partners, that she'd give up the whole business; so they got me leave of absence.

"They saw me aboard the steamer for New York. My money was running short and they gave me enough to place her in a sanitarium on the Hudson and get her sister with her, and then I came back and had luck. I was strapped, when the old man told me I'd have to go out and join my regiment, for he'd got me appointed in the regulars. Why, some of Sheridan's officers, when they saw my name in the papers, wrote to stop it, but it was no use. The military committee in congress couldn't go back on Mr. Cadger, and he daren't go back on my father. But they got me sent out here to be as far away as possible, and, yes, there were three deserts from Cram's battery aboard the steamer, so I learned, and one of them, the man you call Higgins, who was betrayed to Lieutenant Blake by another deserter just as bad as him, was stoking the other two, for he had money in plenty until after I had done with him.

"What my life's been out here you know well enough—same as it was in New Orleans, all luck and plenty at first, then all a collapse. I'm ruined now. When I had hundreds and thousands, I helped everybody who wanted it. There are men in Yuma and Tucson now whom I set on their pins, and they give me the cold shoulder. That officer to the major was a thief. They've got all my money. I haven't a cent, anywhere, and so far as I'm personally concerned I don't care. If there was no one on earth dependent on me, I'd as lief you'd shoot me tomorrow.

"But, gentlemen, there's the rub. I own it now. There's my poor wife and her sister. I've lied to them both. She got well at the sanitarium. She's believed my promises and she's come all the way to San Francisco and was expecting me there when—when the bottom fell out of the whole business. She's there now—she and her sister. They've got enough to pay their expenses perhaps a month or so, and that's all. I can make a living. I can get along and provide for her if you'll only give me a chance. I know I deserve dismissal. That's all right, but for God's sake, gentlemen, don't send me to Alcatraz. don't put me in jail. Leave me free to work. There's men in this territory that owe me nearly $1,000 today. Let me gather that up and go to my wife—I—She's a good woman, gentlemen"—

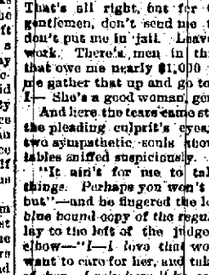
And here the tears came starting from the pleading culprit's eyes, and one or two sympathetic souls took the rude tables sniffed suspiciously.

"It ain't for me to talk of such things. Perhaps you won't believe me, but"—and he fingered the leaves of the blue bound copy of the regulations that lay to the left of the judge advocate's elbow—"I—I love that woman and I want to care for her, and take good care of her. Look here," he continued, as with sudden, impulsive movement he unbuttoned his trim fitting, single breasted frock coat and displayed a snowy shirt bosom, on which sparkled and glistened a great diamond set in the sporting shape affected by the "sporting gent" of the day—

"See this diamond. It cost $1,100 in San Francisco six months ago, and here this solitary," and he produced from an inner pocket an unquestionably valuable ring and, with trembling hands, laid them upon the table in front of the judge advocate, "and here," and he whipped from the waistband of his trousers a massive and beautiful watch. "There are all the valuables I have in the world. Those I place in the hands of the worthy officer and gentleman who has only done his duty in representing the government through this long and painful trial. These I publicly turn over to him with the request that he personally hand them to my poor wife as soon as he reaches San Francisco as earnest of my intention to lead an honest life and to care for her in the future. And now, gentlemen, I've nothing to ask for myself—nothing but liberty to go and work for her. I'm not fit to sit with such as you."

He finished and, quivering as with suppressed emotion, turned his back upon the court, pressed his handkerchief to his streaming eyes and groped his way to the little table set apart for him a few yards to the left of the judge advocate. The silence among the members and along the benches whereon were seated the dozen spectators was for a moment unbroken by a sound except a little shuffling of feet. Then one veteran member cleared his throat with a "hem" of preparation to speak, yet hesitated.

The junior officer of the court, a lieutenant of cavalry, slowly stretched forth his hand, picked up the solitaire and eyed it with an assumption of critical yet respectful interest. The president, a grizzled, red faced veteran, presently



"Gentlemen, I've nothing to ask for myself."

stole a glance at Turnbull, who sat with stolid features immediately on his right. One by one the nine members (two of the original 11 having been challenged an excused) began to look cautiously about them.

A captain of infantry was observed to be very red about the eyelids, but that might have been, and possibly was, the result of cocktails. Loring alone remained in the same position. He had half turned his back to Nevins when the latter began to speak, rested his left elbow on the table and his head on his hand, his eyes shaded under the curving palm against the glare of light that came from without. There was no room or building big enough for the purpose at the post, and the court had held its session under a brace of hospital tents flies stretched on a framework adjoining the office of the major commanding, and Camp Cooke, as a rule, looked on from afar.

The spectators who ventured beneath the shade were officers of the little garrison, the sutler and half a dozen "casuals" of the civilian persuasion, among whom, if not among the members of the court, Nevins' harangue had created an undoubted sensation, for glances indicative of surprise if not of incredulity passed among them.

At last, as though he felt that something must be said rather than that he knew what was appropriate to say, the presiding officer addressed the member who had cleared his throat.

"You were about to say something, major?"

"I—er—should like to ask the accused whether his wife is informed of his—er—predicament."

And Nevins, slowly turning, answered: "I wrote last week confessing everything. It will be a relief to her that I am no longer in the army. She said she could never look an officer in the face." There was another pause, then Nevins spoke again:

"I hope I have not imposed too much on the judge advocate. I have asked because he is the only gentleman here who is not entirely a stranger to my poor wife."

Then all eyes were on Loring as he slowly dropped his hand and looked with undisguised astonishment at the accused. Blake, a spectator, suddenly drew his long legs under him and straightened up in his seat. It was needless for Loring to speak. His eyes questioned.

"I do not mean that Mr. Loring knows my wife, but she has heard of him from her sister. They hoped to find him in San Francisco."

Loring had picked up a pencil as he turned. Its point was resting on the pine topped table. He never spoke. His eyes, still steadily fixed upon the twitching face of Nevins, questioned further, and every man present strained his ears for the next word.

"I should explain—her sister is Miss Geraldine Allyn

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

HARVEY HAYES.—You are authorized to announce my name as a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party.
ALBERT PETERSON.

KANE, Pa., Jan'y 2, 1899

We are authorized to announce the name of T. C. Cummins of Lewis Run as a candidate for the office of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

We are authorized to announce that I. W. Freeman of Hamlin is a candidate for the nomination of County Commissioner, subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county.

It is still Quay(?) on trust at Harrisburg.

GEN. JAMES A. BEAVER, Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R., died at Washington, D. C., on Sunday.

THE blast from Lebanon county last Saturday night shook that "plum tree" so severely that everyone who has so dared to holding it up thought they had a severe case of fever and ague.

THE silence of the Philadelphia Inquirer editorially on the Senatorial election since the Lebanon county primaries, which were held last Saturday, is actually becoming painful. It is so dense that it can be felt.

QUAY'S trial has again been continued from the 30th to the 27th, owing to the fact that election comes on the 31st and Washington's birthday on the 22d, thus depriving jurors and court officers of both duty and pleasure.

ADMIRAL DEWEY'S definition of a Democrat is said to be: "In time of war, a damned traitor; in time of peace, a damned fool." Do the Democrats still wish to run Dewey for President?—John Smith in Buffalo Express.

ON Tuesday President McKinley issued an order suspending Gen. C. P. Eagan for the term of six years from service in the army for using language unbecoming an officer. This virtually ends the military career of Gen. Eagan.

THE MINER'S predictions last week, that Quay would be defeated in Lebanon county, were fully proven at the primaries last Saturday night. Dr. Weiss, the anti-Quay candidate for State Senator, carried the county by 1,179 majority.

THERE is no question now but Aguinaldo performed a great service for our government last Saturday night when he so brazenly attacked our forces at Manila. Only for that mad man's action it is doubtful if the treaty of peace would have been ratified by the Senate.

LAST Saturday night at Manila Aguinaldo, with a horde of insurgents, attacked the American forces under Gen. Otis. The insurgents suffered a loss of about 2,000 killed, 3,500 wounded and 1,000 captured. The loss to our forces was about 50 killed and about 160 wounded. The fight lasted four hours and our soldiers covered themselves with glory.

C. W. FREEMAN announces himself as a candidate for county commissioner subject to Republican usage. Mr. Freeman is a member of the present board of county auditors and should he be accorded the nomination and election would make a most efficient official in the position to which he aspires. His announcement appears at the head of this column.

HIRAM STATT, the Quay Democratic member of the Legislature from Berks county, has been rewarded in advance, his son, of the mature age of 8 years, having been put on the pay rolls of the House as a page, at $14 a week. At the same time a considerable number of Republican members have been refused any participation in the appointments.—Philadelphia Press.

WOULD honor the bench.—Friends of Judge T. A. Morrison of McKean county are making an effort to have him named to the Supreme Bench to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Williams. We certainly would like to see the movement successful. The honor should come to western Pennsylvania, and none are more worthy the honor than Judge Morrison.—Weekly News, Tidioute, Pa.

IT is to be hoped that the next time the United States finds it necessary to engage in a war with any other nation it will compel certain generals and statesmen to take the forefront in the battles and keep them there until their popularity has disappeared, so that when peace is declared we will have peace at home. Our anti-expansionist Senators and some of our leading generals are making our nation the laughing stock of the world. They ought to be muzzled.

LAST Monday the Senate voted on the ratification of the treaty of Paris. There were 56 votes cast, 57 yeas and 27 nays; just one more than the necessary two-thirds. Even Senator Mason of Illinois fell into line and supported the administration. The 27 Senators who voted against the treaty will find it a difficult matter to satisfy their constituents at home that they performed a patriot's duty in their attempt to make the nation appear ridiculous in the eyes of the world.

A MAN in New York was fined $250 for "contempt of court" for banging the head of a lawyer who abused him on the witness stand. The assault occurred after court had adjourned. Notwithstanding the fate of this witness others treated in the same manner should imitate his example. Many lawyers refuse, or at least neglect to protect witnesses and in such cases the witness must protect himself. Such lawyers are primarily responsible for any contempt of courts in general shown by the people.—Harrisburg Patriot.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6, 1899.

If the Senators who aided Senator Gorman in his fight against Mr. Bryan's leadership of the Democratic party to the extent of voting with him against the ratification of the treaty of peace, could see themselves as others see them they would hang their heads for shame. There never was a more unnecessary introduction of personal peanut politics in a matter involving the honor of the country than the fight against the treaty, which ended with the vote in the Senate to-day—unnecessary because every man who engaged in it knew from the first that ratification of the treaty was absolutely certain in any event, if not by to-day's vote by the Senate in an extra session. Knowing this there was no excuse for the fight; it served no other purpose than to show that nearly all of the Democratic Senators were more willing to follow the advice of Gorman than that of Bryan, even though they had to vote against the wishes of a great majority of their constituents to do so. Not a few of these Senators have already been repudiated by their constituents and will retire at the close of this session of Congress, and all of them deserve the same fate.

The War Investigating Commission has completed its report, which will be handed to President McKinley this week. It is expected that the President will very shortly make the report public, and that, as a result of a portion of it, a military inquiry will be ordered of the charges made by Gen Miles concerning the quality of beef furnished the army by the contractors during the war with Spain, which will give Gen. Miles an opportunity to substantiate his charges. If he can do so there will be serious trouble for the contractors; if not, there will be trouble for Gen. Miles. While there is some personal enmity between Secretary Alger and Gen. Miles; it is not and has not been at any time shared by President McKinley, who is only anxious that the truth shall be shown so clearly as to leave no doubt in the mind of any unprejudiced man, and determined wherever wrongdoing shall be shown that the guilty shall be punished, regardless of persons or consequences.

While nothing official has been announced concerning the findings of the Eagan court martial, which is now in the President McKinley's hands, there are reasons for the belief that the President has decided what action he will take, and that his action will be to modify the sentence of dismissal from the Army to suspension from active duty.

Now that the treaty is out of the way, the Senate Committee on Military affairs will endeavor to push the Hull army bill, recently passed by the House, to the front and keep it there until passed. One of the amendments to this bill agreed upon by the Senate Committee provides for a revival of the grade of Lieutenant General.

Gov. Shaw of Iowa, who passed through Washington on his way home from a visit to New York, was impressed by the Iowa Republican Association and persuaded into an informal talk on public affairs. His remarks about the Philippines were right to the point. He said: "If annexation means that the Philippines should ultimately be admitted as States, then there is not an expansionist in this country; if anti-expansion means that the archipelago is to be returned to Spain, then there is not one anti-expansionist in America. If anti-expansion does mean that we should not deny the right of self government to people competent to govern themselves then we are all anti-expansionists." In other words, Gov. Shaw told his hearers that the policy of this government would always lead toward the freedom rather than the enslaving of peoples, notwithstanding the renting of those who fear the contrary.

When the House adopts the resolution reported from the Judiciary Committee, declaring that the four representatives who accepted commissions in the army, thereby vacated their seats in Congress, as it will, it will merely put on official record what has been practically accepted by the four gentlemen most directly concerned, neither of whom has performed any official duty in the House, or drawn any salary since accepting their army commissions.

The outlook for Nicaragua canal legislation at this session was brightened considerably when the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce made the amended Hepburn Bill a substitute for the Morgan Bill, which has been passed by the Senate, instead of reporting it as an entirely separate Bill. The early passage of the substitute by the House would send the bill to a conference committee, which ought to be able to agree upon a measure that would be fairly satisfactory to those who wish the canal built at once, and which would at least make sure that it will be built in the near future.

Representative elect Long of Kansas, who will succeed Jerry Simpson, and who is now in Washington, said of his State: "Kansas is now back in the Republican column, and though I am not an aspirant for prophetic honors, I am free to state that it will remain there. The people have had their fill of Populist heresy. In our banks there is more money in proportion to population than in any other State in the Union."

ANYONE who desires to discover the effects of the Quay collar and the power with which it is applied basely should glance at the situation in Erie, Franklin, Clearfield and Westmoreland counties. While Quay did not present his name as a candidate for the United States Senate in any of these counties they have each presented for the consideration of the joint session of the Legislature their most honorable and foremost citizens for that office. Hon. H. F. Downing, Judge Stewart, Col. Irvin and ex Congressman-at-Large George Huff, respectively. These distinguished names are among the honored Republicans in the State. No one can question their honor or integrity, yet in spite of all these favorable conditions the Representatives of these four counties continue to cast their vote for Quay, regardless of the many letters and telegrams, to say nothing of the many committees, that have been sent to Harrisburg from these four counties in behalf of their favorite son. It shows the power of the boss. Common decency ought to have induced the State Senators and Assemblymen from these counties to have supported their home candidates, but the thumb screw of Quayism was applied and they became dumb, rolling cattle, willing to do the behests of the boss regardless of what disgrace they brought upon the State.

TARPON fishing in Florida does not seem to furnish as much enjoyment to Mr. Quay as formerly. He has neither time to cut bait or fish just now.

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OUR esteemed contemporary, the Potter Journal, is so deeply imbued with Quayism and the boss that it seems to forget the glorious old Commonwealth and the grand old party. His zeal for the indicted candidate for Senatorial honors outweighs everything else. Matters have come to a sorry pass when men will cling to a candidate like Quay who has turned and twisted worse than a weasel to avoid trial. The MINER respectfully suggests to Bro. Colcord that he study the returns from Lebanon county and find out what the verdict of those erstwhile zealous Quay followers was at their late primaries. He may discover the handwriting on the wall.

MR. MCWHINNEY of Allegheny introduced the following bill in the House at Harrisburg on Thursday of last week, providing that wagons, drays, carts and other vehicles carrying weight of one ton or more and using the roadway of any improved country road shall have tires not less than four inches wide and prescribing a penalty of $100 or three months imprisonment; prohibiting the placing of material of all kinds on country roads, interfering with the gutters or water courses of the road, injuring or defacing the bedded macadam or pavement of the road, excavating, digging, obstructing or tearing up any portion of the roadway; repealing the act of May 13, 1871, relating to the local option law of the Tenth ward of McKeesport.

THE Missouri House has passed a resolution favoring a direct vote of the people for United States Senators. Any reasonable Senatorial choice would be an improvement in this State.—Globe Democrat.

Such a law would be of great advantage to every State in the Union and would do away with the many disgraceful scenes that have been enacted in so many State Legislatures this winter. Any one who can devise a proper law along this line will furnish a lasting blessing to the States of the Union.

IN the proper place will be found the name of J. C. Cannon, Jr., of Lewis Run, who announces himself as a candidate for county commissioner subject to the rules governing the Republican party of McKean county. Mr. Cannon has always been a staunch Republican and at present is serving his third year as county auditor. He is a young man of ability and if the Republicans of McKean county should decide to make him one of their standard bearers for the commissionership there would be no question of his election.

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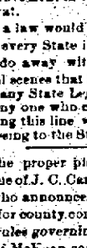

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Notice to Take Testimony in Divorce.

Sarah J. Shea vs. James Shea. } In the Court of Common Pleas of McKean county. No. 270, June Term, 1898.

To the above named respondent:—

You are hereby notified that I have been appointed Commissioner by the said Court to take testimony in the above entitled cause, and to make report thereof to the said Court. In accordance therewith I will attend to the duties of my appointment at the office of Benton & Gallup in the Borough of Smethport, McKean County, Penn'a, on Friday, February 24th, 1899, between the hours of 9 a. m. and 5 p. m. when and where you may be present if you deem proper.

F. D. GALLUP,
Commissioner.

E. B. MAYO & SON,
Att'ys for Libellant.

Feb. 6, 1899.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Judges of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of McKean county, Pennsylvania, at the Court House in Smethport, Penn., on the 13th day of February, 1899, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the transfer of the retail liquor license granted, on the 28th day of March, 1898, to Newton J. Stoneslifer to keep a restaurant or eating house in the Cobb Block, corner of Main and Field streets, in the second ward of the Borough of Kane, to Thomas P. Caddes, residing at The New Fleming Hotel, Fraley street, in said Borough of Kane, by occupation a bartender.

ANDERSON & MOLLEY,
Attorneys-at-Law.

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In olden times a leper was stoned out of town; in modern times a sick man is stoned out of all his chances in life by the crowd of busy, hustling men who have no place and no use for him. who has bilious turns and tired feelings and frequent "off-days" might as well go out of business.

These things are bad enough in the self-disgust and wretchedness they involve if they do not go any further. But you never know what is going to develop in a half-nourished, bile-poisoned constitution. If a man as soon as he feels that he is not getting the forceful strength and energy out of his food that he ought to, will begin taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, he will soon put himself in the position where he can do a man's work easily and cheerfully.

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There are hundreds of delusive temporary stimulants, "malt extracts," sarsaparillas and compounds, which are more or less "boomed" by merely profit-seeking druggists; but an honest druggist will give you the "Golden Medical Discovery" when you ask for it. If well-informed, he knows that its sales have steadily increased for thirty years and that it is the invention of an educated, authorized physician who has devoted a lifetime of active practice and personal study to chronic diseases.

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BY VIRTUE OF SUNDRY WRITS OF FIERI Facias, Levari Facias and Venditioni Exponias, Alias Fieri Facias, Pluries Fieri Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of McKean County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose at public sale in the Court House, in the borough of Smethport, on

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1899,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendant's interest in all those certain pieces, parcels or tracts of land, lying and being in the Borough of Kane, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

First Piece:—Beginning in the center of Edison street at the southeast corner of lot conveyed to Josephine Crandal; thence north about one hundred and ten (110) feet to Hockstetter's northeast corner; thence east parallel with Hockstetter's north line ninety-two (92) feet; thence south about one hundred and ten (110) feet to the center of Edison street aforesaid; thence westerly along the center of Edison street to the place of beginning. Containing forty-two (42) square rods, be the same more or less, being the same piece or parcel of land conveyed to Henry Eaton by T. S. Bennett and Mary F. Bennett by deed dated the seventh day of February, 1885.

Second Piece, to wit:—Beginning in the center of Edison street at the southeast corner of a lot formerly deeded by T. S. Bennett and Mary F. Bennett to Henry Eaton, thence southerly one hundred and three (103) feet more or less to the northeast corner of said Henry Eaton's lot; thence eastwardly twenty-three (23) feet more or less to the west line of land deeded to Mrs. J. A. Curry; thence northalong said west line one hundred and twenty feet more or less to the center of Edison street; thence west along the center of Edison street twenty-three (23) feet more or less to place of beginning, being the same piece or parcel of land conveyed to Henry Eaton by T. S. Bennett and Mary F. Bennett by deed dated the eighteenth day of July, 1885.

Third Piece, to wit:—Beginning at the northeast corner of lot conveyed to Albert Crandal; also being at the southwest corner of lot conveyed to Evelyn Turner; thence east along Evelyn Turner's line about sixty (60) feet to southeast corner of Evelyn Turner's land; thence south about thirty (30) feet to a corner in line of lot conveyed to Henry Eaton; thence west about eighty (80) feet to the southeast corner of lot conveyed to Albert Crandal; thence north along the east line of Albert Crandal's lot about thirty (30) feet to place of beginning. Containing two thousand four hundred (2400) square feet, be the same more or less, and being a piece or parcel of land conveyed to Henry Eaton by T. S. Bennett and Mary F. Bennett by deed dated the seventh day of January, 1886.

The above described pieces or parcels of land being improved and having thereon erected one two-story frame dwelling house and one board barn, and out-buildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Henry Eaton at the suit of Emeline A. Burnham, use of James Hennigan.

Plaintiff.

2.

Defendants' interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate and lying in the Borough of Kane, McKean County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on the east side of Thonesta avenue one hundred and fifty (150) feet north of the northeast corner of said Thonesta avenue and Elm street; thence north along the east side of said Thonesta avenue fifty (50) feet; thence east, parallel with said Elm street, one hundred and ninety five (195) feet to a 20 ft. wide alley; thence south along the west line of said 20 ft. wide alley fifty (50) feet to the place of beginning. Containing nine thousand seven hundred and fifty (9750) sq. ft. more or less, and being the northerly one-half of lot No. 42 in Wiggan & Trichel survey, and the same lot conveyed to said Blanche C. Cooper by Mary A. Hydorn and husband by deed dated 25th July, 1897, and intended to be recorded. Improved and having thereon erected one two-story frame dwelling house with out-buildings.

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—FANCY BUCKLES
—ELEGANT PETTICOATS
—HANDSOME DRESS TRIMMINGS
—ADDITIONAL DRESS PATTERNS
—NEW LININGS, INCLUDING "NEARSILK."

We have made a specially advantageous purchase in

carpets, mattings, oil cloths,

and give our friends the benefit. See our line before you buy.

Groceries.

Always fresh and good. Let us feed you.

F. G. Lindholm & Co.
Smethport, Pa.
Prompt attention to mail orders.

Photographs

This has been a busy season and attests the fact that the pictures I make give perfect satisfaction. When you want a good article go to the place where the most business is done.

Graphophones

The acme of perfection in sound has been reached in the manufactur of these machines. Come and listen free of charge. No trouble.

"ME" GLEASON, The Post Stopper.
Smethport, Pa.

DO YOU KNOW

that when you are smoking an

AMERICAN GENLEMAN CIGAR

you are receiving more real value for your money than any other ten cigar offers you"

If you don't know get into the band wagon and know WHY. At all first-class cigar stands

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SMETHPORT, FRIDAY, FEB. 10, 1899.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Lincoln day next Sunday.

—St. Valentine's day Tuesday.

—Sheriff's sales in this week's issue.

—Oleanders hope to secure a canning factory.

—Read J. Colegrove's announcement of Saturday cash bargains.

—The editors of the Bradford Post seem to have troubles of their own.

—Warren county Republicans will hold their primaries Saturday, March 18.

—Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Sartwell gave a most enjoyable card party last Friday night.

—The McKean Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting at Mt. Jewett Tuesday last.

—Mrs. J. W. Souton and son, Edwin, who have been quite ill for some time, are very much improved.

—Last Friday night, Mrs. Louis Zellar of East Smethport presented her husband with a bouncing boy.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sheridan Gorton gave a card party to a large number of their friends Tuesday night.

—A glance at the sheriff's sales will discover who is least benefited by building and loan associations.

—Last Thursday John Weever, an employe at the kindling wood factory at Austin lost his right arm while working at the bolting machine.

—Last Tuesday the insurance adjuster was in town and arranged Mr. Bouton's loss on his furniture to the full amount insured in the North American.

—Last Saturday John Hungerford completed a fine partition of Georgia pine for Dr. H. L. McCoy in his office. This is a very convenient improvement.

—If their liberality in allowing claims and promptness in paying losses may be taken as a criterion, W. F. Specht represents the best fire insurance companies on earth.

—Gas was too scarce to be comfortable yesterday. The school was dismissed before ten o'clock. The Gas company ought to devise some means to furnish more warmth.

—Mrs. C. M. Colegrove suffered a severe fall last Tuesday night on Church street just below the MINER office. She is very lame, but fortunately escaped any broken bones.

—The MINER has received an invitation to attend the Bachelors' Club ball at Eldred Monday evening, Feb. 13. Those who attend can rest assured of having a most enjoyable time.

—The Protected Home Circle will meet at Beckus Hall Wednesday evening, Feb 15, at 7:30 o'clock. All members are requested to be present as important business is to be transacted.

—Dr. John Clark was called by telegraph on Wednesday to Troy, Canada, to see his father who is very ill. Dr. Stearns of Bradford will look after the doctor's patients while he is away.

—In a broad-gauge advertisement Ol' Man Racket this week announces a 60-day bargain sale, and quotes some astonishingly low prices. It will pay you to carefully read his advertisement.

—That people never grow too old for boys to sprout was clearly demonstrated last week, when John D. Clewis, aged 102 years, was joined in wedlock to Mrs. Sarah Jennings, aged 100 years, both of Franklin, Pa.

—The Columbia chainless bicycle for 1899 is "a thing of beauty" and the price is reasonable all things considered. M. L. Armstrong, the local agent, has already booked four orders for the 1899 Columbia chainless.

—Don't trouble yourselves to bake your Sunday supplies of bread, cake, pies, cookies doughnuts and other articles of food, but come to the M. E chapel and buy. Open at 1 p. m. Feb. 11. For the benefit of the W. C. T. U.

—Last Monday the clerks in the commissioners' office found the name Xavier Berggren on the Mt. Jewett register. When Frank Foster discovered it he fell in a partial faint, and when Gus Davis rushed in and attempted to pronounce it the consequence was that he partially dislocated his jaw several times.

—The B., R. & K. Ry will run a special excursion to Bradford on Sunday. Train leaves here at 7:30 a. m. and will connect with B., R. & P. train for Niagara Falls at 9:15. Train back same day. Fare for round trip $2.25.

—The meeting of the W. C. T. U. on Wednesday, Feb 15, will be under the Department of purity, interesting and instructive. Ladies young and old, especially mothers, are cordially invited to attend. In the M. E. chapel at 2:30 p. m.

—At an afternoon tea given by Miss McCalmont at her home last Saturday, the engagement was announced of Miss Clara Parshall, daughter of Hon. E. W. Parshall, to Mr. Carl Gildersleeve, of Brookston, McKean Co., Pa.—Warren Mail.

—Philip Sondheim of Bradford who was a member of the famous Astor battery, which for several months was stationed at Manila is home from the wars. He has had wonderful experiences, but is not favorably impressed with the Philippines.

—The Republican party should be willing to give considerable boot in a trade between the two fossilized old Republican Senators who voted against the ratification of the peace treaty and the ten patriotic Democratic Senators who voted for it.

—The following letters remain in the Smethport postoffice for the week ending Feb. 4, 1899: W. J. Arthur (4), Ned Cloud, Mrs. Fannie Kuhns, Wm. H. Sammons, Mrs Frank Thomas. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—The members of the present board of county auditors are candidates for the office of county commissioner. It is now in order for the members of the present board of county commissioners to make an effort to become county auditors and thus play even.

—The Citizens' Hose Company No. 1 of Hazelhurst will give a grand ball on the evening of Feb. 13. Admission $1. This company has just been organized and they extend a cordial invitation to all. Klingensmith's orchestra of Bradford will furnish music.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach next Sunday morning at 10:30 on the following subject: "The Reign of God in His One Spiritual Church." In the evening the subject will be, "Jesus, and the Noble-man's Son—Faith Explained." The second lecture sermon on the miracles of Jesus.

—Rev. E. E. Helms, D. D., of Springville, N. Y., will deliver his popular lecture, "Heroes of Everyday Life," under the auspices of the Epworth League in the M. E church Friday evening, Feb. 17. Rev. Helms is an orator of high rank and needs no introduction to the people of Smethport. See posters later.

—The store of Sharp & Co. at Leetonia, Tioga county, was burglarized last Friday night. The safe was blown open and about $400 in money and checks taken. They are undoubtedly a gang of professionals. It behooves our business men in this section to be on their guard, as these chaps are skipping around the country.

—Mrs. Orin Perry of Kasson died at her home last Wednesday morning. The deceased had been ailing for sometime. She was married to Mr. Perry in Steuben county, N. Y., in May, 1846. In 1859 they moved into Sergeant township and resided there ever since. Mr. Perry died several years ago. Funeral this morning at ten o'clock.

—On Thursday morning, Feb. 9, 1899, at 7 o'clock at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church, Christian McAtee, a popular young man of Johnsonburg, was united in marriage to Miss Nellie, the eldest and charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lynch of East Smethport, by Rev. Father O'Brien. The young couple have the best wishes of the MINER.

—Last Monday evening Jas. A.—and Chas. McKean, R. E. Burdick, F. D. Gallup and E. T Daly with their esteemed better halves and Mrs. Carrie Reilly and her sister, Mrs. Kate Williams of Chicago, enjoyed a sleighride to Mt Alton and partook of the hospitality of mine host Jas. Mahoney of the Butts House. If ever a party enjoyed a trip they did and all were loud in their praises of the entertainment they received and pronounce Mr. Mahoney an A1 entertainer.

—The following is a rather good one and he told it to us with a crimson flush on his face. A certain young fellow who is greatly interested in the general run of Government affairs was calling on his lady friend the other night when, during one of those embarrassing lulls in the conversation, he asked: "Are you in favor of annexation?" The sweet little thing blushed, looked foolish and said, "Oh!——this is so sudden, but ask papa, he's a dear good boy." It was no joke.—Exchange.

—The Newburg, N. Y., News says that a local jeweler has invested in a stock of "married men's watches." The peculiarity of these watches lies in the fact that they are furnished with an alarm attachment which a man's wife can set at the exact hour when she wishes him to start for home. The alarm going off at that time will remind him that his wife expects him. There are some men that would require three or four such watches to get them home by the time the roosters crow in the morning.

—"We want the news," said the Gibson (Va.) Banner. "If your wife whips you, let us know it, and we will put you right before the world. If you have company, tell us—If you are not ashamed of your visitor. If you have a party or gathering of any kind, bring around the cake, seven or eight pies and a side of ham—not necessarily to eat, but just to show your friendship and appreciation. You needn't mind inviting us, as it may be too cool for our wardrobe. We want the news—that's all."

—Last Sunday morning Enos Parsons died at his home in Bradford after a protracted illness, aged 83 years. He was born in Cortland county, N. Y., and came to McKean county in 1848. The deceased had always, up to a few years ago, been an active business man. Since 1898 he had taken life more easily and the coming guest at the St. James was almost certain to find the genial face of Mr. Parsons there to greet him. He leaves a wife, a son and one daughter to mourn his departure. The departed had been a constant subscriber to the MINER from the time it started.

—A rather amusing incident occurred in town one evening last week. A prominent married man and his esteemed wife had been invited to attend a card party, and the night before it was to come off the wife insisted that they must prepare to attend, while the husband said the night following was the proper time, but as usual the weaker sexier carried the point and they started. Arrived at the house they were somewhat surprised to find no one present but the young lady who gave out the invitations. They were invited to take seats and after a long wait began to mistrust that there was a "contraband in the woodpile." The good wife has not taken much comfort since as the husband is an inveterate tease and never lets an opportunity slip to remind her of the card party that did not materialize.

—At St. Luke's church on Ash Wednesday, 15th inst., the services will be at 9 a. m. (Holy Communion), Litany and Penitential Office at 10:30 a. m. and at 4:30 p. m. a service and sermon for children. Services during Lent on Friday's at 9 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., and on Wednesdays at 4:30 p. m. The Rev. Mr. Kiefer of Bradford will give a course of sermons on Monday evenings, at 7:30. There will be a series of short addresses on practical subjects at the Sunday evening services.

—The residents of our town were very much surprised yesterday morning to learn of the death of little Minnie Dolke, aged seven years, 10 months and 23 days. She attended school last Monday the perfect picture of health. Everyone knew little Minnie and always had a kind word for her as she was always pleasant and tidy-like. Pneumonia was the cause of her sudden taking away. The friends will meet at the home at 2 p m and proceed to the M. E church where funeral services will be held at 2:30. Interment in Rose Hill cemetery.

—The MINER is pleased to note that the veteran Bucktail, W. W. English of Delmar, Tioga county, has been recognized, as the following from the Wellsboro Agitator will show: Last week Factory Inspector James Campbell appointed Mr. William W. English of Delmar as a Deputy Factory Inspector. Mr. English will assume his duties on March 1st. It is understood that the salary of his office is $1,200 a year and expenses. Mr. English has not yet been informed as to the district to which he will be assigned. We understand there are twenty districts in the State. This is a good appointment. Mr. English is a practical man; he is intelligent, reliable, industrious and affable and will discharge the duties of his office to the satisfaction of all concerned.

—A man supposed to be Albert Venner, who it was thought had something to do with a burglary that occurred at Johnsonburg some ten days past, was shot and instantly killed by Justice Secrist of that place while attempting to escape arrest. Chief of Police Walsh went into a house of ill repute to arrest Venner and another man who was with him, leaving Justice Secrist and some other men to watch the outside. When the men inside saw the chief they both ran and Venner jumped into the arms of Secrist. Venner attempted to shoot Mr. Secrist, but his revolver failed to go off. He then hit Secrist over the head, cutting a severe gash. Then Secrist drew his revolver and shot Venner through the heart killing him instantly. The other man escaped. The coroner's jury exonerated Justice Secrist from all blame.

—The Odd Fellows' meeting, which will be held at Warren on the 26th of April, promises to be one of more than usual interest. The occasion is the celebration of the Eighteth Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America. The Warren meeting is under the auspices of the Northwestern Central District Anniversary Association, I. O. O. F. of Pa. This association is composed of Lodges, Encampments, Cantons and Rebekah Lodges of Elk, Clarion, Clearfield, Forest, Potter, Jefferson, Warren and McKean counties, and has for its object the advancement of interest in the Order of Odd Fellowship in this section of the State, the bringing of the Lodges in the several counties represented into a closer fraternal relation, and the establishment of a suitable observation of the birthday of the Order in America. Speakers of well known ability will be at Warren, and the parade will be worth going miles to see. The members of the order in this part of the district are looking forward to a "big day."

Robbed the Grave.

A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite, gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately, a friend advised trying 'Electric Bitters,' and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks, and am now a well man. I know they saved my life, and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50 cents per bottle at A. B. Armstrong & Co.'s drug store.

Notice to Teachers.

The examination for applicants for permanent certificates will be held at Bradford, Friday and Saturday, March 31st and April 1st. Further information and blanks for application can be had by applying to

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La grippe is again epidemic. Every precaution should be taken to avoid it. Its specific cure is One Minute Cough Cure. A. J. Shepard, publisher Agricultural Journal and Advertiser, Elden, Mo., says: "No one will be disappointed in using One Minute Cough Cure for la grippe." Pleasant to take, quick to act. A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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Thomas Whitfield & Co., 240 Wabash av., corner Jackson st., one of Chicago's oldest and most prominent druggists, recommends Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for la grippe, as it not only gives a prompt and complete relief, but also counteracts any tendency of la grippe to result in pneumonia. For sale by A. B. Armstrong & Co.

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I have 8 heavy horses and 3 four-year-old colts for sale. Time given on good security. M. A. LILLIBRIDGE,
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PERSONAL MENTION

Miss Ora King visited Bradford Tuesday.

Mrs. H. C. Wells visited Buffalo yesterday.

F. M. Whittier of Burtville was in town Monday.

Geo. Root of Olean was in town on business yesterday.

Miss Lucy Wright arrived home from Fredonia on Saturday.

Attorney W. J. Milliken was over from Bradford yesterday.

Miss Marie Shriever of Kane attended court the first of the week.

Mayor F. Stober of Warren transacted business in town Tuesday.

David Howells of Kane was in town transacting business on Tuesday.

A. B. Walker of Bradford was a guest at the Grand Central yesterday.

C. N. Heard of Bradford was a pleasant caller while in town Tuesday.

L. A. Moody of Corydalis was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

W. P. Colegrove of Timbuck was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

Clayt Backus went to Buffalo yesterday to find out how cold it is in the windy city.

Mrs. E. E. Chambers and daughter, Beulah, were in Elmira the first of the week.

Miss Myrtle Gifford was a guest of Mrs. S. C. Sartwell of Port Allegany over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Burdick and Mrs. John Hungerford visited Buffalo yesterday.

Albert Hussey of Brownville, Potter county, spent Sunday in town calling on old friends.

C. A. Lambert, the tonsorial artist of Port Allegany, was in town Monday as happy as ever.

Sheriff J. F. Davis and Deputy W. B. Clarke visited Bradford yesterday on official business.

F. G. Lindholm has been in Buffalo for the past week purchasing a fine stock of spring goods.

Mrs. W. R. Gibson of Bradford is a guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Knapp, of King street.

George French of Dunkirk was in town on Wednesday talking about the American Gentleman cigar.

F. W. Rumsey went to Buffalo yesterday morning where he will enter the hospital for treatment for hernia.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foles of Olean have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Young for a few days this week.

S. E. Bell came up from Harrisburg last Friday and has been visiting relatives and friends in town during the week.

Editor McClellan of the Mt. Jewett Herald visited the hub on business Monday. He reported Mt. Jewett as booming.

Mrs. Walter Williams, sister of Mrs. Carrie Reilly, returned to her home in Chicago on Wednesday after an extended visit.

S. W. Smith of Port Allegany was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Monday. 'Tis always a pleasure to greet him.

James Bissell, the hustling merchant from Simpson was in town Wednesday. He was anxious to find farmers who had apples and hay to sell.

A. P. Smith, a prominent farmer from Colegrove, was a most agreeable caller at the MINER office Monday. He reports everything as booming in that section.

Mrs Julia E. Kittredge of Smethport is visiting Mrs. F. D'Simar. Mrs. Kittredge was loser in the large fire at Smethport in which the Kittredge opera house was consumed, as well as the personal property and effects of the lady; thousands of dollars in curios and paintings being lost.—Port Allegany Reporter.

Elizabeth Garlock-Stark.

From the Mt. Jewett Herald we glean the following, which we publish by request:

Elizabeth Garlock (mention of whose death was made last week) was the third child of Truman and Catherine Garlock, former residents of Marvin creek, where the subject of this sketch was born April 14th, 1854. On the 30th day of October, 1881, she was united in marriage with Horace Stark, also a resident of the Marvin creek valley. The young couple immediately after their marriage established themselves upon what is now known as the Block farm, where they continued to reside for a period of three years, when they succumbed to the western fever and journeyed to Minnesota with the intention of making their future residence in that State. One years' experience sufficed, however, and at the end of that time they returned to Pennsylvania, and settled at Wilcox. They continued as residents of Wilcox and vicinity for a period 18 years, or until 1898, when they returned to Marvin creek, where they lived for the next 7 years, when they moved to Cole creek during the oil excitement at that place. After five years of life in the oil country they again returned to Marvin creek, settled at Hazelhurst, where they purchased a small tract of land which has since become incorporated within the limits of that bustling town.

Court Minutes.

Civil court convened on Monday afternoon with Judge Morrison on the bench. The grip epidemic which is sweeping through the country showed its effect on the cases up for trial. When the list had been called out it was ascertained that only one case was ready for trial. This was the case of E. Kinsel vs. M. & S. Shriver of Kane. This case was taken up Monday afternoon and occupied the attention of the court until almost 8 o'clock that night when they came to an agreement and brought in a verdict Wednesday morning in favor of the plaintiff to the amount of $1850.

In the case of the school district of the borough of Eldred vs. the school district of the township of Eldred, appeal, the facts were not disputed and the only matter to be disposed of was the costs. The jury trial was waived as the imposition of costs was a matter of law and not of fact. Judge Morrison heard the case yesterday.

The following cases were settled: John A. Polly vs. C. N. Boone, appeal; Beal-Simons & Co. and C. A. Sprowter, constable, vs. Thomas Osborne, constable, and Catherine Osborne, appeal; L. L. Lillibridge, use of E. Lillibridge, guardian of Bruce A. Kinney, vs. Mrs. E. B. Vanwickle and William N. Vanwickle, judgment opened; Lincoln Bailey vs. Edward A. Vanhorn, appeal.

Court adjourned Wednesday morning.

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6 doz mirrors from 14c to 55c each. Thes R oak frames and perfect goods. 8 doz steel enameld cuspidors, always sold for 30c, whil they last our prices will B 10c each. 3 qt coffee pots, steel enameld, always sold at 40 to 60c, our price 25c. Large wash dish, steel enameld, 12c. 3 qt pudding pans, enameld, 10c. 10 qt steel enameld dish pan 25c, usually sells at 45c. 10 qt. porclain lined kettle 40c. Tin pails, flaring, 14 qt 14c, 12 qt pail 12c, down to 5 qt at 5c. Tin tea or coffee pot, 4 qt 9c, 3 qt 8c, 2 qt 7c; thes goods U pay 15 to 20c each elsewhere. Pie plates 1c to 5c each. Basins 2 to 5c each. All tinware at the same rate. No. 8 & 9 boilers 45 & 55c; best kopper No. 8 & 9 bilers $1 88 & $1.98.

Don't U think & kno that thes prices R 1 what U have been paying? Dec. 45 piece dinner set $3.00; 100 piece set $8 to $11; 10 & 12 piece dec. chamber sets $1 75 to $6 50. Plain white iron stone china ware. Tea & coffee cups, set 6, 35c to 65c; 8 inch plates 5 to 8c; chambers 25 to 50c; large wash bowls and pitchers 65c; sauce dishes 3 and 4c each; side veg & meats 6c each. Large meat platters 12 to 33c; large cream pitcher 12c; combinets 9c, bed pans 70c.

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Greatest bargins U ever saw in pants 50c to $3, just about ½ what U pay others. Men's work and dress shirts. 50c ties that go for 20 and 30c. Greatest bargins in towels 3c each to 42c, roll goods 5c yd to 9c. Men's caps 14c to 40c, just ½ price. 4 lb feather pillows 50c, thes R the reglar $1 goods elsewhere. Men's mittens 8c to 48c. 8 da alarm clox $2.25 to $4 25, calendar both strike. Sunrise alarm clox 85c. Remember thes gouds R all perfect and good or money refunded.

Thos 10 bbls chois crackers we had baked for us R all gon & everybody hungry for more. Thes R the best 8 and 10c goods, soda and milk crisp and nice by the bbl 5½ c or 4 lbs for 25c. What cheek a man must have to charge U S and 10c lb. Yes we sel U best nu fresh stick candy or special mixed at 10c lb, best 40c choc cream for 20c lb, Mammoth oranges 50c doz, reg size 24c, lemons 25c doz. Beds, tables and chairs, floor oil cloth cheap and good 45c tin dinner pails 18c, five inch elbows 5c, 6 and 7 inch 10c, pipe 6 inch 13c joint, window shades 10 to 65c each, cedar wash tub and boards just rec'd.

Men's $3 50 and $4 hats $1.50, these R manfrs samples slightly soiled. Ladies' latest stile dress waists 48c, fancy underskirts $1.75, thes R the reglar $2 25 skirts. Envelopes and paper prices very low.

HORS GOODS—Felt collar pads 45c, felt leather lined back pad 12c, snaps 1 inch 2c, 1½ inch 3c and 2 inch 4c, just ½ U pay elsewhere. Hame snaps 12c, cockeyes 5c, hame and tug staples 3c each. Surcingle 18 and 30c, 35c steel curry comb 10c, brushs 10 to 40c. The best Onyx mixed house paints 35c qt or $1.20 gal, thes R warranted for five years. Also buggy paints & stains in varnishes, cherry, oak, &c. Make old furniture look like nu.

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8 inch flat file, seconds, slightly imperfect, 5c, best 8c, 16 inch 65c rasp 30c, 40c bed cantors 5c set, porclain door knobs 10c, butcher knives, best steel, 20c. 4 yr-old cider vinegar, pure, (own make) 16c gallon. King hand saw 10c. $1 30 carpenter's best saw. Blue chalk 6c doz, and paper 7 sheets 5c, squares 23c, 45c and 98c.

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Let us say a word in regard to our fancy bisk and china novelties. Thes R the finest of the kind that money will buy and just 1-2 what they would cost in the city. We hav so many that it iz impossible 2 tel U or giv U any idea of the great & beautiful collection. All ask where we found such a wonderful collection. Thes mak nice wedding or birthday presents, useful and ornamental. Chois bell tone china cups and saucers 12 & 15c each. Dec oat meal bowls 12 to 16c each, bread and milk sets 35 to 75c, bread and cake plates 40 to 60c.

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" " " "Pillsbury Vitos," 2 pkgs for	25c
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Blended Santos Coffee, best coffee on the market under 20c lb, today at	15c
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1-2 Pint Bottle Ketchup for	8c
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"Why?" queried Holden incredulously.

"Why, indeed?" exclaimed I. "After ten years of hard, patient toil to learn in the grandest language of the realm 'untrue,' or, in plain, colloquial American, you have 'got there with both feet.' Your first production is a big success, reputable men rolling in cash upon whom once you pretended to think you were pouring your opinions by the cask at your own terms the very plan that they formerly followed without question. And I know you have plenty of them. According to my calculations, up to the time I went abroad two years ago, you must have at least a barrel full of plays of all kinds—poetical, emotional, sensational—to suit all tastes. Consequently all you have to do is to dig down into that barrel, bring up an old purple piece it and then sit back and draw your royalties. Why, my boy, you are retired and pensioned off for life, with fame and honors at your command and the proverbial fortune. Why should you not be happy?

"You forget the price of success," said Holden bitterly.

"Oh, of course, you have worked hard for all you have enjoyed, but that's all over now and you have the satisfaction of knowing that it is true."

"Yes," said Holden, "and you think you do, and possibly have a right to, but I have paid for it."

"Well, possibly not," said I, but apologetically. You are a little too young while you were putting in your best and probable [illegible] to realize it as I did, but bear it and, [illegible] the years of the prime [illegible] one of a new American playwright was [illegible] across the water. Why you [illegible] naturally famous, my boy, and [illegible] to be proud of it."

"I am," said Holden, "but with all pride is mingled a pang of regret that I shall never outgrow it, even if I live to grow [illegible] and senile permanently. My present good fortune. As some one has said,

"'Advancement brings no sense of pain.
Success is sour in bright skies
We taste in softer purple grain
The savors of being great.'

"I do not know who wrote those lines, but whoever he was he brought that proof of truth from the depths of bitter experience—maybe something like mine."

"Tell me about it, old fellow," said I sympathetically, for I saw that something underlay his words.

"Well, I will," said Holden. "It is a subject I seldom refer to, for I hate public confidences. But you are an old friend who knew me when my light was hidden under a bushel and are not like those fickle fluttering moths who flutter about the latest flame. The media after to-day, for I am not a shining light even now, but already I have had enough of sycophancy and well you know what I mean, old man."

"When you left the country I had just almost settled down to the dreary, aimless life of an editor whom some journalistic wit has described as 'a writer with his name on the paper with his logs worn out.' I had despaired of ever getting my plays accepted and could foresee nothing but an endless round of grinding out cut and dried opinions for other men until I should become so dry as they and be kicked out to make room for fresher material. I had married and [illegible] up to my salary, [illegible] paper soon shut down on. Then the days came, and for a time we lived even a little beyond it. As a consequence I was forced to put my nose even closer to the grindstone and turn my spare hand to [illegible] work in order to help out.

"I didn't mind the hard work. The only regret was that it left me little time, and kept me away from the dramatic work. The human mind [illegible] about as much as the body, and when all the time is expended upon the former there is no energy left for original work. The fact that I gradually [illegible] out of debt and even had to a [illegible] was small compensation for the wrecking of my dreams and the reality [illegible] at such a pace I could never succeed in the line I most desired.

"Well, that was about the situation when I was taken opportunely [illegible] at my door. The success, a production of a successful star proved a failure, [illegible] plans to be carpentered [illegible] a condemnation. The play had been rushed upon to fill out the season [illegible] that nothing [illegible] so reserve. As a last [illegible] I had [illegible] to [illegible] which impressed him, and to [illegible] would [illegible] if I would submit the completed play as soon as possible [illegible] consider it. It was the vaguest possible [illegible] that he might accept it if nothing better offered, yet I felt that it was my final and in all probability my last chance.

"I could not possibly write the play in time and still retain my editorial position, yet I hesitated to resign the latter, for winter was at hand and we needed my weekly salary. There [illegible] was the possibility that all my labor would go for naught, and I would be left out in the cold, for you know that in correspondence it is easier to resign a position than to get one; for when a man steps out there are always [illegible] ready and anxious to take his place, many of them just as good and some considerably cheaper.

"But the dear little wife never doubted my success, decided for me [illegible] I resigned my desk and went to work with might and main on my play. I had scarcely been at it a week before the baby fell ill, and then my small savings began to fly. No one knows how [illegible] can be until his income is cut off and his expenses are increased and very soon we were brought face to face with the problem of how to live on nothing a week. Still I worked on, [illegible] in sketches and stories enough to keep us going between the acts of my play until it seemed as if the pen were constantly in my hand and my brain was in a whirl. We were never reduced to actual want nor even [illegible] to the kindness of our real friends—to public humiliation, but for the first time since my marriage I was compelled to remove acquaintance with the pawnbrokers, and my pride was humbled forever.

"Worse still was the constant worry and care for our little one. We could not afford to have a nurse, so the wife and I took turns in standing watch over her. Baby had just reached the age when she was learning to [illegible] our names and she clung to us with that blind confidence of childhood which [illegible] at human heartstrings stronger than anything I know on earth. Then we tasted the bitter anguish of seeing our little darling, whom we had learned to love as, [illegible] and wishes [illegible] upon like a sentient [illegible], and we could not help her.

"I was constantly tormented by the fear that lack of ready money was depriving my child of some relief or [illegible] that an [illegible] might bring her back to health [illegible] what I received as the price of accepting it. But my wife [illegible] made me. She insisted upon my [illegible] the part which he had refused, [illegible] and further [illegible] her being [illegible] to accept it, and [illegible] request that a relief [illegible].

"At last we say that my pay [illegible] with rent and [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]